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WHO: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology
Chairman Dave Reichert (R-WA)

WHEN: 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will meet to consider two pieces of legislation: the “Homeland Security Science and Technology Act of 2006” and “Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act.”

H.R. 4941, the “Homeland Security Science and Technology Enhancement Act of 2006” will take steps to reform the Science and Technology (S&T) programs of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Specifically, the bill will: encourage the establishment of national voluntary consensus standards for homeland security equipment and training; improve technology development and transfer; authorize the Homeland Security Technology Advisory Committee; establish a regional technology integration program; support cybersecurity research and development; establish standards for critical infrastructure information systems; encourage scholarship and fellowship programs at DHS; and establish surveillance camera demonstration programs.

The Subcommittee will also meet to consider H.R.4942, the “Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act.” H.R.4942 will amend the “Homeland Security Act of 2002” to establish an international programs office to, among other things, encourage technical joint ventures between United States entities and our allies in the global war on terror.

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